



## **ALTERNATIVE MATERIALS, DESIGN OR METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION**

The City of Sunnyvale has adopted the 2001 California Building, Mechanical, and Plumbing Codes, 2004 California Electrical Code, and the 1997 Uniform Fire Code with State and local amendments. The provisions of these codes are not intended to prevent the use of any material, alternate design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by the codes, provided any alternate has been approved and the use authorized by the Chief Building Official.

The Chief Building Official may approve alternatives, provided that the proposed design is found to be satisfactory and complies with the provisions of the adopted codes. Additionally any alternative material or method of work offered shall be found to be at least equivalent to the materials and methods prescribed in the adopted codes in terms of the following:

- suitability
- strength
- effectiveness
- fire resistance
- durability
- safety
- sanitation.

The proposed alternate shall not lessen the following, as intended by the adopted codes:

- health
- life safety
- fire safety
- structural integrity

To request review of alternative materials, designs, or methods of construction, complete the form on the back of this page. One form should be completed for each alternative requested.

If you have any questions, please call the City of Sunnyvale Building Division at (408) 730-7444. Information is also available on the Building Division web site at: [www.sunnyvalebuilding.com](http://www.sunnyvalebuilding.com).

**CITY OF SUNNYVALE**  
**REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE MATERIALS,**  
**DESIGN OR METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION**

Project Address:\_\_\_\_\_Project Number:\_\_\_\_\_

Type of Construction:\_\_\_\_\_Occupancy Group(s):\_\_\_\_\_

Is the Building Equipped with an Approved Fire Sprinkler System?:\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Stories of the Building:\_\_\_\_\_

Total Floor Area of the Entire Building:\_\_\_\_\_

Floor Area of Each Floor:\_\_\_\_\_

Floor Area and Number of Floor of Tenant Space:\_\_\_\_\_

Subject of Alternative Materials, Design, or Methods of Construction Requested:\_\_\_\_\_

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Standard Code Requirement (specify code edition and section):\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Requested By (all parties below need to sign):

Print Name

Sign Name

Telephone Number

Property Owner:\_\_\_\_\_

Architect:\_\_\_\_\_

Engineer:\_\_\_\_\_

Contractor:\_\_\_\_\_

Attach two copies of reference material test reports, expert opinions, or any other supporting documentation. The Chief Building Official may require that a consultant be hired by the applicant to perform all applicable tests, research and analysis and submit a full evaluation report.

\*\*\*\*\***Staff Use**\*\*\*\*\*

Staff Findings:\_\_\_\_\_

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Staff Recommendation:    ☐ Approve    ☐ Deny    Staff:\_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Chief Building Official:_____	Fire Marshal:_____